

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A sound producing apparatus, comprising:
  - a toy, generally in the form of a puppet having a head portion including a pair of opposed jaw members movable between a first position and a second position;
  - a sound producing unit located in said puppet, said sound producing unit including a speaker for outputting audio; and
  - a switch for selectively actuating said sound producing unit to initiate at least one verbal audio event in synchronization with the movement of the jaw members.
2. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said audio event is actuated by said switch when said jaw members move between said first position and said second position and is terminated by said switch when said jaw members return to said first position.
3. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said audio event further comprises:
  - a first portion; and
  - a second ending portion smoothly following said first portion with a natural decay.
4. The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said audio event further comprises:
  - an initial portion;
  - a looped portion; and
  - an end portion.

5. The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said looped portion further comprises:
  - a loop start header;
  - a sustained portion; and
  - a loop end header.
6. The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said sustained portion is looped repeatedly while said jaw members are between said first position and said second position.
7. The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said end portion includes an ending to the audio event that smoothly follows the looped portion with a natural sounding decay.
8. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a manual actuator to move said jaw members.
9. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said puppet further includes a body portion.
10. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said jaw members are normally biased in said first position.
11. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a program selection switch.
12. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said sound producing unit includes a plurality of prerecorded audio events.
13. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said audio event further includes an instrumental performance.

14. The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a pitch-shifting switch.
15. A sound producing apparatus comprising:
  - a glove configured to be worn on a human hand;
  - a sound producing unit located in said glove, said sound producing unit including a speaker for outputting audio; and
  - a switch for selectively actuating said sound producing unit to initiate at least one verbal audio event, in response to movement of the glove.
16. The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said audio event further comprises:
  - a first portion; and
  - a second ending portion smoothly following said first portion with a natural decay.
17. The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said audio event further comprises:
  - an initial portion;
  - a looped portion; and
  - an end portion.
18. The apparatus according to claim 17, wherein said looped portion further comprises:
  - a loop start header;
  - a sustained portion; and
  - a loop end header.

19. The apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said end portion includes an ending to the audio event that smoothly follows the looped portion with a natural sounding decay.
20. The apparatus according to claim 15, further comprising a program selection switch.
21. The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said sound producing unit includes a plurality of prerecorded audio events.
22. The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said audio event further includes an instrumental performance.
23. The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said instrumental performance is synchronized with said verbal sound.
24. A sound producing apparatus, comprising:
  - a toy, generally in the form of a puppet having a head portion including a pair of opposed jaw members movable between a first position and a second position;
  - a sound producing unit located in said puppet, said sound producing unit including a speaker for outputting audio; and
  - a switch for selectively actuating said sound producing unit to initiate a prerecorded sequence of verbal audio events in synchronization with the movement of the jaw members.
25. The apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said prerecorded sequence of audio events is actuated by said switch when said jaw members move between said first position and said second position and is terminated by said switch when said jaw members return to said first position.

26. The apparatus according to claim 24, wherein each of said audio events further comprises:
- a first portion; and
  - a second ending portion smoothly following said first portion with a natural decay.
27. The apparatus according to claim 24, wherein each of said audio events further comprises:
- an initial portion;
  - a looped portion; and
  - an end portion.
28. The apparatus according to claim 27, wherein said looped portion further comprises:
- a loop start header;
  - a sustained portion; and
  - a loop end header.
29. The apparatus according to claim 28, wherein said sustained portion is looped repeatedly while said jaw members are between said first position and said second position.
30. The apparatus according to claim 24, wherein each said audio event is a verbal sound.
31. The apparatus according to claim 28, wherein said end portion includes an ending to each audio event that smoothly follows the looped portion with a natural sounding decay.
32. The apparatus according to claim 24, further comprising a manual actuator to move said jaw members.

33. The apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said puppet further includes a body portion.
34. The apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said jaw members are normally biased in said first position.
35. The apparatus according to claim 24, further comprising a program selection switch.
36. The apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said sequence of verbal audio events is synchronized with the movement of said jaw members.
37. The apparatus according to claim 24, wherein said sound producing unit includes a plurality of prerecorded sequences of audio events.
38. The apparatus according to claim 31, wherein each sequence of audio events further includes an instrumental performance.
39. The apparatus according to claim 24, further comprising a pitch shifting switch.<sup>38</sup>
40. The apparatus of claim 37, wherein said plurality of pre-recorded sequences of audio events includes a plurality of harmony sequences of the same sequence of audio events.
41. The apparatus according to claim 38, wherein said instrumental performance is synchronized with the movement of said jaw members.
42. The apparatus according to claim 38, wherein said instrumental performance is synchronized with said sequence of audio events.

43. A sound producing apparatus comprising:
- a novelty item having a pair of opposed members movable between a first position and a second position;
  - a sound producing unit located in said novelty item, said sound producing unit including a speaker for outputting audio; and
  - a switch for selectively actuating said sound producing unit to initiate at least one verbal audio event in synchronization with the movement of said members.
44. The apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said audio event is actuated by said switch when said movable members move between said first position and said second position and is terminated by said switch when said movable members return to said first position.
45. The apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said audio event further comprises:
- a first portion; and
  - a second ending portion smoothly following said first portion with a natural decay.
46. The apparatus according to claim 43 wherein said audio event further comprises:
- an initial portion;
  - a looped portion; and
  - an end portion.
47. The apparatus according to claim 46, wherein said looped portion further comprises:
- a loop start header;
  - a sustained portion; and

a loop end header.

48. The apparatus according to claim 47, wherein said sustained portion is looped repeatedly while said movable members are between said first position and said second position.

49. The apparatus according to claim 47, wherein said end portion includes an ending to the audio event that smoothly follows the looped portion with a natural sounding decay.

50. The apparatus according to claim 43, further comprising a manual actuator to move said movable members.

51. The apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said movable members are normally biased in said first position.